

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A protecting tool for a shoe comprising an overshoe type attaching member which is put on over a footwear in a state of wearing the footwear, and a protecting member having rigidity and attached to the attaching member so as to cover at least an instep portion, wherein

the protecting member comprises a curved portion which is curved along at least a shape of the instep portion, and a leg portion which comes into contact with the ground when the curved portion receives an impact so that the curved portion is prevented from moving toward the instep portion in a state in which the curved portion is spaced from the instep portion, and

the attaching member comprises holding means for holding the protecting member such that a lower end edge of the leg portion is located above a ground-contact surface except a case in which the protecting member receives an impact.

2. The protecting tool for the shoe according to claim 1, wherein the holding means includes an engaging portion provided between the attaching member and the protecting member.

3. The protecting tool for the shoe according to claim 2, wherein the engaging portion comprises a first engaging portion formed in front portions of the attaching member and the protecting member, and a second engaging portion formed in rear portions of the attaching member and the protecting member

and turnably engaging with the protecting member.

4. The protecting tool for the shoe according to claim 3, wherein the first engaging portion comprises a holding projection provided on one of the attaching member and the protecting member, and a portion to be engaged provided on the other one of the attaching member and the protecting member, and the second engaging portion comprises a holding shaft provided on one of the attaching member and the protecting member, and a mounting hole provided on the other one of the attaching member and the protecting member.

5. The protecting tool for the shoe according to claim 1, wherein the attaching member comprises an attachment bottom which supports a bottom of the footwear, and an attaching member body which is made of resiliently deformable material and which urges the footwear so as to fix the footwear on the attachment bottom.

6. The protecting tool for the shoe according to claim 2, wherein the attaching member comprises an attachment bottom which supports a bottom of the footwear, and an attaching member body which is made of resiliently deformable material and which urges the footwear so as to fix the footwear on the attachment bottom.

7. The protecting tool for the shoe according to claim 3, wherein the attaching member comprises an attachment bottom which supports a bottom of the footwear, and an attaching member

body which is made of resiliently deformable material and which urges the footwear so as to fix the footwear on the attachment bottom.

8. The protecting tool for the shoe according to claim 4, wherein the attaching member comprises an attachment bottom which supports a bottom of the footwear, and an attaching member body which is made of resiliently deformable material and which urges the footwear so as to fix the footwear on the attachment bottom.

9. The protecting tool for the shoe according to claim 1, wherein the protecting member is laterally symmetric with respect to a center in the widthwise direction thereof.

10. The protecting tool for the shoe according to claim 2, wherein the protecting member is laterally symmetric with respect to a center in the widthwise direction thereof.

11. The protecting tool for the shoe according to claim 3, wherein the protecting member is laterally symmetric with respect to a center in the widthwise direction thereof.

12. The protecting tool for the shoe according to claim 4, wherein the protecting member is laterally symmetric with respect to a center in the widthwise direction thereof.

13. The protecting tool for the shoe according to claim 5, wherein the protecting member is laterally symmetric with respect to a center in the widthwise direction thereof.

14. The protecting tool for the shoe according to claim

1, wherein the protecting member is made of synthetic resin.

15. The protecting tool for the shoe according to claim 2, wherein the protecting member is made of synthetic resin.

16. The protecting tool for the shoe according to claim 3, wherein the protecting member is made of synthetic resin.

17. The protecting tool for the shoe according to claim 4, wherein the protecting member is made of synthetic resin.

18. The protecting tool for the shoe according to claim 5, wherein the protecting member is made of synthetic resin.

19. The protecting tool for the shoe according to claim 9, wherein the protecting member is made of synthetic resin.